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Come on board for a boat ride  
in the Chesapeake Bay, and learn  
how watermen catch crabs.

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This is the Chesapeake Bay.  
Blue crabs live in this water.



Now we know how watermen catch crabs in the Chesapeake Bay.



Captain Denny takes us in the boat to learn how real watermen catch crabs.



We go out in the Bay in our boat to put the crab pots in the water.

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Look at all the crabs we caught! We are proud of our hard work.

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It doesn't hurt for this little crab to pinch your finger, but don't let her mother pinch you!

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This is a crab pot. The crabs will climb in to get the fish tonight.

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The next morning we come back. We look for the floats. They show us where we put the crab pots.

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This crab is pregnant. Do you see her eggs? We will throw her back into the Bay too.

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We measure each crab. The small ones are babies, so we throw them back into the Bay.



We pull up the crab pot. Look! We caught some crabs!



Carry it carefully. Don't let any crabs get out yet!

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The crab on the left is a girl, and the one on the right is a boy.

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